# APPENDIX A

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#### INTRODUCTION

#### Background

Chemclene Corporation sells and recycles industrial cleaning solvents. For over 30 years, they have maintained a successful and innovative recycling facility at their present location in Malvern, Pennsylvania. The Chemclene Corporation sells and reclaims industrial cleaning solvents including trichloroethylene (TCE), 1,1,1-trichloroethand, perchloroethylene (PCE) also called tetrachloroethylene and methylene chloride. These solvents are used by their many industrial customers throughout the Delaware Valley for degreasing and other cleaning purposes. Without Chemclene's recycling service, many customers would have probably dumped or discarded spent solvent wherever it was most convenient. Chemclene employs a distillation process that results in (1) the removal of impurities from a particular solvent so that it can be returned to a customer for reuse and (2) the formation of small to moderate quantities of sludge which is sent via a licensed transporter to an approved disposal facility.

During the spring of 1980 when several incidents of TCE contaminated ground water were discovered in Montgomery and Chester Counties, the Chemclene Corporation voluntarily began sampling selected private wells in the immediate vicinity of their property. The sampling of area wells was undertaken

as a precautionary measure. When some of the wells sampled were found to contain TCE levels greater than 4.5 ppb, appropriate officials with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) in Norristown were notified.

4.5 ppb was used as a lower limit to conform with DER's policy at the time regarding public water supplies. 4.5 ppb is also near the detectability limits of most analytical equipment. As a result of Chemclene Corporation's initial findings, they immediately began taking steps to investigate, define and rectify any potential contamination problem eminating from their property. These steps included:

- 1. Sampling nearby wells to determine if any chlorinated hydrocarbons were present.
- Engaging the services of Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates, groundwater geologists, to assist in the investigation of the problem.
- Meeting with DER officials on-site and in Norristown to discuss the problem and to develop solutions.
- Installing carbon filters on all household systems where levels of TCE were above 4.5 ppb.
- 5. Reviewing material handling procedures and facilities in their plant to provide assurance that no activity would cause soil or groundwater contamination.
- 6. Beginning to remove drums deposited in a former disposal area.

As a result of Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates initial investigation, it was determined that at least two areas on the Chemclene Corporation property were potential sources of groundwater contamination. These areas included the plant area on the east side of the property and a former disposal area on the west side of the property (see Figure-1).

#### Site Locations

Chemclene Corporation is located on over 100 acres of

FIGURE 1

State: Pennsylvania

Project: Chemclene

County: Chesta

POWT/Township: Cost Whiteland

Street: Ploenixville Pike

Tract:

Topographic setting:

Physiographic province: Pieduro

Geologic formation:

Longitude:

Latitude:

Elevation at surface: 300'-400'

Flood elevation:

Flood potential: \_\_\_\_\_

Locations also plotted:

Portion of USGS Quad: Malvern 73

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SITE PLAN

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✓ pipelines electric l'ns

✓ surface water bodies

Site/Well identified by: .

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and 1" = 400' line

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mostly wooded property situated on the southeast slope of Bacton Hill in East Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania (see Figure 1). As Figure 1 indicates, the plant area and the former disposal area are situated approximately 2,500 feet apart along the base of Bacton Hill. Access to the former disposal area is along an abandoned railroad right-of-way which crosses Phoenixville Pike near the entrance drive leading to the Chemclene plant. Parallel and to the north of the railroad right-of-way is the rightof-way of the Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line. During the construction of the gas pipe line in 1951 or 1952, an excavation was made at what is now called the former disposal Slowly that excavation was filled with rusted and area. unuseable drums, discarded equipment, domestic trash and excavated soil.

The area surrounding the Chemclene Corporation property has gradually changed over the past 30 years from open farmland and woods to one-acre, single family residential developments and industrial parks. Homes south and west of the property were generally built between 1956 and 1959; with additional developments to the north and east of the Chemclene plant being built during the mid 1970's.

#### Scope of the Present Investigation

In order to delineate the extent of present contamination, prevent future contamination and develop remedial measures,

the following work plan was developed by Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates and approved by DER:

- 1. Select monitoring well locations based on:
  a fracture trace analysis, the possible
  location of contamination sources, projected flow directions and the suitability
  of access for a drilling rig. Both 6"
  steel cased and la" pvc wells will be
  constructed. Sites will be staked in
  the field and checked by a DER hydrogeologist prior to drilling.
- 2. Obtain soil samples and construct monitoring wells at designated locations. Mechanical rather than solvent-cement joints will be used to fasten screens to pvc pipe. All monitoring wells will be thoroughly developed to insure that representative water samples are collected.
- Determine measuring point elevations on new monitor wells so that an existing water level contour map can be expanded to cover the former disposal area and the plant area.
- 4. Determine the extent of soil contamination and ascertain clean-up procedures.
- 5. Test pump and sample all monitoring wells paying close attention to the cones of influence around each well and the potential yield of the 6-inch diameter wells since they might be used for removal purposes.
- Measure water levels and sample specific neighboring wells to determine long-term trends in flow directions and groundwater quality.
- 7. Assess the extent of the overall contamination problem and review possible alternative solutions with DER staff.
- 8. If possible, implement selected abatement techniques on a trial basis to determine their feasibility and cost.
- 9. Analyze all data and information to develop a proposed abatement plan. Present the proposed plan to DER for review and comments.
- 10. Prepare a final report containing all pertinent data and the agreed upon abatement plan.

#### Acknowledgements

Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates would like to extend its appreciation to all the homeowners in the area for

their cooperation in providing water samples and for providing whatever data was available concerning their particular well. We would likewise wish to thank those homeowners with accessible wells who allowed us to measure water levels on various occasions.

Appreciation is also extended to the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company who at no cost provided a survey crew to determine the exact elevations of wells and monitoring points constructed in the area since 1978.

#### SITE CONDITIONS

# Topography and Surface Drainage

As indicated on Figure 1, the plant area and the former disposal area are both situated at the base of Bacton Hill. Based on U.S.G.S. data, surface elevations at both sites are between 275 to 365 feet above MSL. Surface drainage in both areas is toward the southwest. A surface water divide exists slightly to the northeast of the Chemclene plant and surface drainage over the divide is down a streamless swale leading to the Devault and Cedar Hollow areas. The topography of the area is controlled for the most part by the composition of and structure in the underlying bedrock.

Less easily weathered and eroded quartzites are found under Bacton Hill and more easily weathered and eroded carbonate rocks are found beneath the valley at the foot of Bacton Hill.

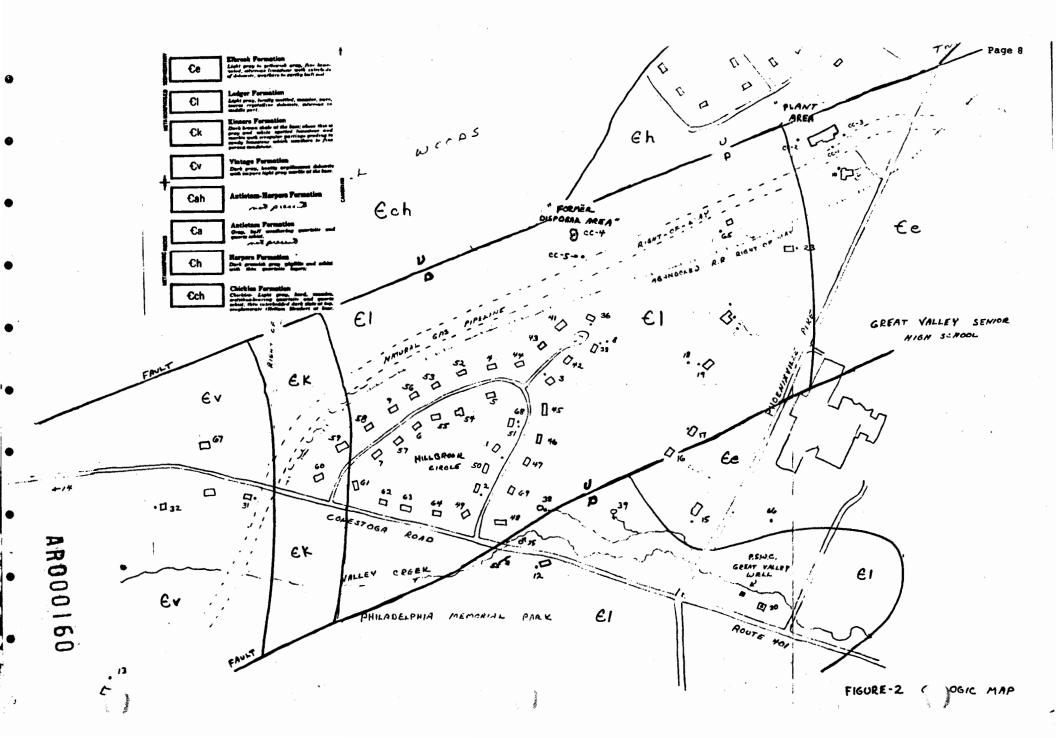
# Geology

The geology of the area, obtained from published

geologic maps, has been superimposed on the base map used during the present investigation (see Figure 2). As the map indicates, the study area is underlain by the dolomites and limestones of the Elbrook, Ledger, Kinzers and Vintage Formations and the schist and quartzite of the Harpers and Chickies Formations. The former disposal area is underlain by the Ledger Formation, a light gray dolomite, which covers much of the study area. The plant area is underlain by the Elbrook Formation, a light gray to yellowish, siliceous limestone containing interbedded dolomite. The hydrogeologic properties of both of these bedrock formations are very similar and for that reason Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates has treated both of these formations as a single hydrogeologic unit for the purposes of this investigation.

The geologic map of the area indicates the presence of two major faults trending in a southwest-northeast direction across the area of the investigation. The northern-most of these two faults follows the break in slope at the base of Bacton Hill and serves as the boundary between the metamorphic phyllite and quartzites up slope and the carbonate rocks out in the valley. Major faulting and subsidiary fractures and joints have a significant impact on groundwater low in the area.

Between the ground surface and underlying solid bedrock is a zone of weathered material called the overburden. The overburden thickness in the area varies from a few feet near bedrock exposures to probably depths of between 100



and 150 feet at the centers of incipient sinkholes (in the carbonate rocks). Overburden materials consist mostly of clay and silt with some residual rock fragments and sand lenses.

#### Groundwater Flow

While topographic drainage patterns in the area would seem to indicate that all subsurface flow should drain towards the southeast and Valley Creek, water level data collected during a previous investigation (see References) and the present investigation indicate that such is probably not now the case. At one time groundwater flow was probably toward the southeast but increased pumping from a new quarry in the Devault area may have reversed flow directions.

Chemclene property appears now to be toward the northeast, parallel to major faults. The groundwater discharge points (or sink) for this subsurface flow system are the deep quarries operated by the Martin-Marietta Corporation and the Warner Company in nearby Devault. Large amounts of ground water are pumped from these quarries for dewatering purposes and large cones of influence radiate away from them.

In addition to the influence which faulting and pumpage exercises on groundwater flow in the area, it is also probable that fracture zones and to a lesser degree bedding planes in the bedrock also influence groundwater flow. When rain or snowmelt enters the overburden (a process called infiltration), it moves vertically downward until the water-table is reached. The water-table is the

upper surface of the zone of saturation. The water-table may be either in the overburden or in the bedrock depending on a variety of complex hydrogeological inter-relationships and man-induced pumping. Depths to the water-table in the area vary between 0 feet at the surfaces of springs and some streams to more than 70 feet at other locations. Water levels fluctuate seasonally in response to groundwater recharge and groundwater discharge to streams and wells. Due to large, man-induced withdrawals from the area (quarries in Devault and the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company's Great Valley Well) and recent recharge deficiencies, water level depths are much greater than normal. Water level declines have caused some springs to dry up and some shallow wells to be adversely affected. During parts of the year, Valley Creek enters a sinkhole near where it crosses Route 401 and does not start flowing again until a point 200 yards below the Great Valley Well.

#### Groundwater Quality

Natural groundwater quality in the general vicinity of the Chemclene property would be classified as good to excellent. Ground water in the non-carbonate rocks will tend to be acidic and have low total solids. Ground water in the carbonate rocks will tend to have a higher pH and greater amounts of total dissolved solids. Ground water in the carbonate rocks will tend to be moderately to very hard and some homes in the area utilize water softeners for that reason.

An extensive amount of geochemical data has been collected by the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company since their Great Valley Well went into operation in 1977. This data to date indicates the presence of no unusual constituent (including chlorinated hydrocarbons) at any detectable concentration (personal communication with Richard Riegler, Philadelphia Suburban Water Company).

# Groundwater Use In The Area

Most older homes in the area utilize on-site domestic wells. In the early 1970's, the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company began to extend public water service into the area. In 1977 the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company started to operate the high yielding Great Valley Production Well near the intersection of Route 401 and the Phoenixville Pike (see Figure 1). Homes, schools and businesses southeast and west of the Chemclene property toward Devault are presently provided with public water by Philadelphia Suburban Water Company. Since public water is available throughout much of the area, it is doubtful that many new wells will be drilled in the foreseeable future when new homes are built.

#### FIELD INVESTIGATION

# Initial Sampling and Well Inventory

Many <u>older</u> homes south and southwest of the Chemclene property still use domestic on-site wells for water supply purposes. In order to collect necessary hydrogeological and water quality data, all wells in the vicinity of the

Chemclene property were inventoried by Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates. The inventory consisted of an expansion of a previous inventory of wells undertaken in 1977 (see References). The inventory added homes where wells had been drilled or deepened between 1977 and the present. The locations of all wells in the vicinity of Chemclene's property are indicated on Figure 3 and available information concerning each well is found in Appendix A. During the well inventory, permission was obtained from residents with accessible wells to periodically measure water levels in their wells. As part of the inventory of wells, water samples were collected for chlorinated hydrocarbon analysis. A total of 44 samples were collected by Chemclene personnel on May 8 and 9, 1980, and on June 13, 1980. The samples were immediately taken to Cedar Grove Laboratories in Downingtown for analysis. The results of this analysis are found in Table 1 and represents data previously supplied to DER.

As a result of sampling, it was determined that a total of 11 wells had concentrations of TCE higher than 4.5 ppb.

As a precautionary measure, all of these wells were immediately equipped with treatment devices despite a lack of evidence that any of them were directly contaminated by any activity on the Chemclene property.

#### Air Photo Analysis

Since groundwater flow patterns are controlled to a large extent by fractures and faults in the bedrock underlying the Chemclene Corporation property, an analysis of

air photos was made to delineate the location of such features. A technique known as fracture trace analysis has been used successfully many times by Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates to locate high-yielding water wells; and it was felt that locating monitoring wells along fracture traces would help to increase the likelihood that a high yield would be obtained. Obtaining a high yield from the monitoring wells was though to be important for the following reasons:

- The monitor wells had to be sampled with moderate capacity submersible pumps due to the anticipated depths to water.
- Submersible pumps would also allow a relatively large volume of water to be pumped from each monitoring well thereby insuring that <u>representative</u> formational samples would be collected.
- 3. Certain monitoring well(s) could be converted to retrival wells (if necessary) in the future and a moderate to high yield would be advantageous for that purpose.
- 4. The well would provide water level data that was representative of the local flow system.

Stereo pairs of photographs taken in 1965, 1970 and 1975 by Aero Services, Inc. were used during the fracture trace analysis. A composite large scale (1" equals 400') photograph obtained from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DRVPC) was used as a base map during the investigation. Most of the maps presented in this report were prepared from tracings from that composite photograph.

# Yest Drilling and Monitor Well Construction

As previously mentioned, there are two areas on the

Chemclene property where chlorinated hydrocarbons may have entered the groundwater flow system. These areas are in the vicinity of the plant and at the former disposal area. In order to gain additional information concerning subsurface conditions in the vicinity of both of these areas, it was decided to drill test holes and to construct monitoring wells. Test drilling and monitor well construction was designed to accomplish the following:

- Obtain site specific geologic information including overburden thickness and bedrock lithology.
- 2. Determine subsurface permeability information.
- 3. Provide a means to measure water levels.
- 4. Provide a means to collect water samples for quality analysis.
- Provide a retrival well, if necessary.

Test drilling and monitor well construction began

October 15, 1980, and was finished on October 17, 1980.

Thomas G. Keyes, Inc. completed the work under the supervision and an inspection of Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates'
personnel.

Since depths greater than 50 feet were anticipated and there was the probability of encountering large residual rock fragments in the overburden, an air rotary drilling rig was used. A hydrogeologist supervised drilling, collected well cuttings, described samples and made decisions concerning monitoring well construction. Each monitoring well was constructed based on information obtained in the field during test drilling. Monitor wells were constructed in such a way as to obtain a maximum amount of information while also

providing the flexibility of utilizing a monitoring well in the future, if necessary for contaminate retrival purposes.

Drilling in carbonate rock presents particularly difficult construction problems. To construct a typical water well, it may be necessary to install as much as 150 to 200 feet of casing in a hole to prevent caving and/or turbidity problems. Once casing is installed to these depths, there is no guarantee that any water will be obtained in the next 50 or 100 feet of drilling. For these reasons the drilling contractor was instructed to install a sufficient amount of casing to minimize the possibility of hole collapse, but not necessarily to prevent the occurrence of turbidity problems. Drilling was then to continue inside the casing to a depth five feet beyond the first water producing fracture or weathered zone. It was felt that constructing monitoring wells in this manner would minimize the likelihood of "casing off" badly contaminated water producing zones and would reduce the likelihood of having to drill to an extreme depth.

The locations of monitoring wells were selected in the down gradient directions of anticipated groundwater flow.

Due to property boundary limitations behind the plant, it was not possible to provide an up gradient site. Their locations were checked and approved in the field prior to drilling by DER hydrogeologist, Marilyn Hewitt. The locations of all monitoring wells are indicated on Figure 3. More

exact locations are given in Figure 4 (for the plant area) and in Figure 5 (for the former disposal area). Details pertaining to each monitoring well, including a cross section of the materials penetrated and construction details are found in Appendix B.

Test drilling determined that the overburden on the Chemclene property was at least 50 feet thick and composed of materials with an uneven distribution both in size and lithology. Bedrock encountered during test drilling was for the most part slightly weathered to very weathered gray to buff limestone and dolomite.

Monitor well construction encountered many problems associated with attempting to complete wells in carbonate rock terrains. Monitor Well CC-1 collapsed several times during drilling. For this reason, it was decided to insert a 4" diameter pvc screen into the hole and stabilize it with a gravel pack. Attempts to insert the 4" screen and riser pipe beyond the bottom of the 6" casing in the well were unsuccessful. (It may be possible to use drilling mud and install a 2" diameter screen and gravel pack in Monitor Well CC-1, if it is decided to rehabilitate this well in the future.) The screen originally designated for CC-1 was then installed in Monitor Well CC-3 as a precaution against possible future collapse in that well.

In order to determine the relative interconnection between wells in the plant area, a sensitive water-level recorder was placed on CC-1 and CC-2 during the construction

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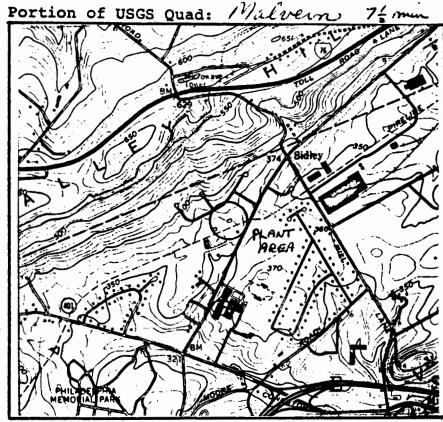
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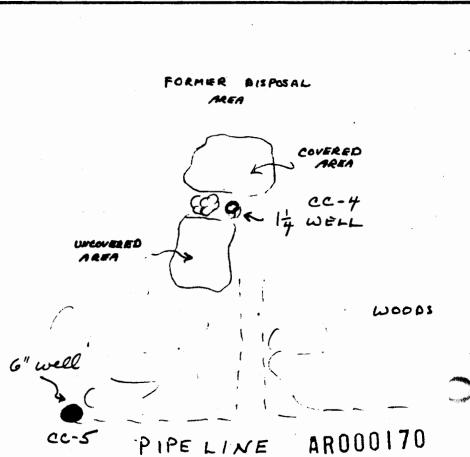
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of wells CC-2 and CC-3 respectively. The recorder indicated a slight (.05 foot) response in each of these wells when the other wells were being drilled. The small degree or relative lack of response between the wells can be attributed to their relatively low yield or to the lack of sufficient permeability between them.

Upon the completion of all construction, the monitoring wells were developed with air until turbidity had decreased to a reasonable degree. Due to constraints imposed during construction and on-site overburden conditions, it will probably be difficult if not impossible to ever develop these wells so that turbidity-free water can be obtained.

#### Water Level Measurements

A considerable amount of water-level data had been collected from area wells during the previous, 1977-1978, investigation (see References). Additional data was collected from these same wells and from new wells as part of the present investigation. All water-level measurements were made from pre-established measuring points, usually the lip of a well seal or the well casing. The elevations of many of these measuring points had been determined as part of the 1977-1978 investigation. The elevations of new wells, including the monitoring wells, were determined for Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates by the Philadelphia Suburban Water Company.

Water-level measurements made during the present investigation and selected water-level measurements collected previously are provided in Appendix C. The numbers of the wells indicated on the measurements forms coincide with the numbers given to the wells during the inventory phase of the investigation. In addition the locations of all wells measured are indicated on Figure 3. The water-level elevations in each well have been calculated by subtracting the depth to water from the elevation of the measuring point. The elevation data was then used to produce appropriate water-level contour maps of the area (see Figure 6).

# Collection of Water Samples

Water samples were collected in series from area wells and from the monitoring wells on several different dates. As previously discussed, the most complete collection and analysis of water samples took place in May and June of 1980. Since that time, additional samples have been collected particularly from the monitoring wells on the Chemclene property.

All samples taken during the investigation were collected using accepted procedures and sample containers approved for the sampling of chlorinated hydrocarbons. If any delay was anticipated between the time samples were collected and the time they would be analyzed, they were refrigerated. Domestic wells were sampled at the closest point to the well in each home. Samples were collected ahead of water conditioning or treatment equipment if such equipment was being used. Results of an analysis of samples collected from area wells appears in Table 1.

# TCE Concentrations

Well		Well		Well	
No.	Concentration	No.	Concentration	No.	Concentration
1	0.0	24	N.S.	47	0.0
1 2 3	0.0	25	0.0	48	0.0 (DER)
3	0.0	26	N.S.	49	0.0
4	0.0	27	N.S.	50	0.0
5	2.5	28	n.s.	51	. 5
6	32.4	29	N.S.	52	0.0
7	0.0	30	N.S.	53	0.0
8	0.0	31	N.S.	54	0.0
4 5 6 7 8 9	75.6	32	N.S.	55	0.0(DER)
10	1330.0	33	N.P.	56	14.3
11	N.S.	34	N.S.	57	11.4
12	N.S.	35	1.2	58	2.9
13	N.S.	36	2.6 (DER)	59	0.0
14	N.S.	37	N.S.	60	0.0
15	27.0	38	N.S.	61	0.0
16	8.8	39	N.S.	62	N.S.
17	15.0	40	N.S.	63	0.0
18	N.P.	41	190.5	64	0.0
19	13.3	42	0.0	65	.12
20	. 3	43	0.0	66	N.P.
21	N.P.	44	• 5	67	. 4
22	N.P.	45	0.0	68	N.D.
23	13.0	46	0.0	69	N.D.

NOTE: N.S. - not sampled, not in study area or a non-flowing spring

N.P. - no pump

DER - result obtained from DER

N.D. - not drilled at the time of sampling

Table 1 - Results from water samples collected from wells in the vicinity of the Chemclene Corporation, Frazer, Pennsylvania. The wells were sampled May 8-and 9, 1980, and June 13, 1980, and analyzed for TCE. All results are in micrograms/liter.

Water samples were collected from Monitoring Wells CC-2, CC-3 and CC-5 on May 7, 1981, using a portable electric submersible pump and generator. Monitor Well CC-4 was not sampled because the water level had dropped below the bottom of the screen in the well. Monitor Well CC-1 was not sampled because the well had collapsed to a point at or above the water level in the well. If the water level rises in either of these wells, it may be possible to collect water samples from them.

A procedure for sampling these three monitoring wells was selected to minimize cross contamination from well to well. This was accomplished by pumping the least contaminated well (CC-5) first. Between the collection of each sample, the pumping equipment was thoroughly rinsed with uncontaminated water. Prior to and during sampling, water-level and flow measurements were made in each well. From this information, the relative productivity of each well was then determined. Results of these measurements appear in Appendix D.

Monitor Wells CC-2 and CC-3 were pumped for 60 minutes and sampled at 3 different times. Monitor Well CC-5 was pumped for 30 minutes and was likewise sampled 3 times. The results of the analysis performed on these samples appears in Table 2.

# Collection of Soil Samples

Due to the age and nature of the problem and the thickness of the overburden in the area, soil sampling would not provide any meaningful or useable results. For these reasons, the

Monitor Well	Elapsed Time in Minutes	1,1,1-Trichloroethane	TCE	PCE
CC-2	10	12.4	57.8	7.3
	20	13.3	62.2	7.0
	60	17.0	64.1	3.0
CC-3	30	2,080.	12,600.	1,120.
	40	2,230.	12,600.	1,170.
	60	1,690.	10.500.	885.
CC-5	5	586.	1,180.	861.
	20	627.	1,310.	904.
	30	572.	1,270.	743.

Table 2 - Results of chlorinated hydrocarbon analysis of Chemclene monitoring wells, Samples collected May 7, 1981. All results in micrograms per liter.

sampling and analysis of soils was not undertaken at this time.

#### Laboratory Analysis

Samples collected during the investigation were all analyzed by Cedar Grove Laboratories, Downingtown, Pennsylvania. Analyses were performed on a Perkin-Elmer, Sigma-1, gas-liquid chromatograph with electron capture detectors. Liquid-liquid extractions were made using approved techniques. Detection limits to a level of .05 micrograms/liter were possible with this equipment.

#### ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

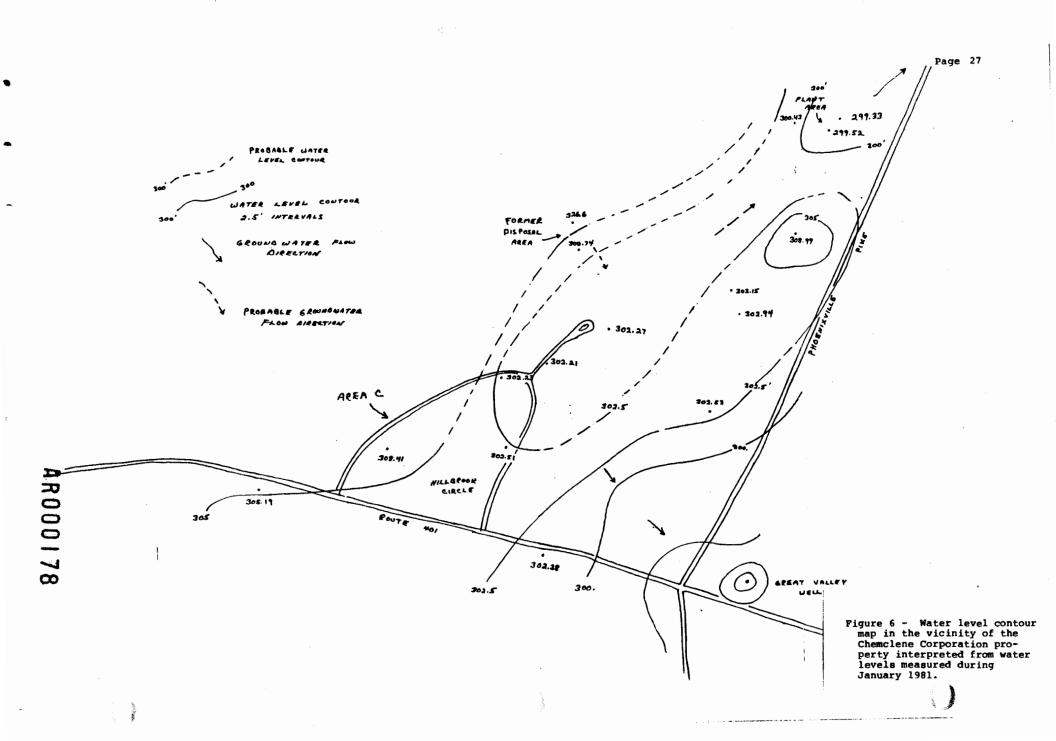
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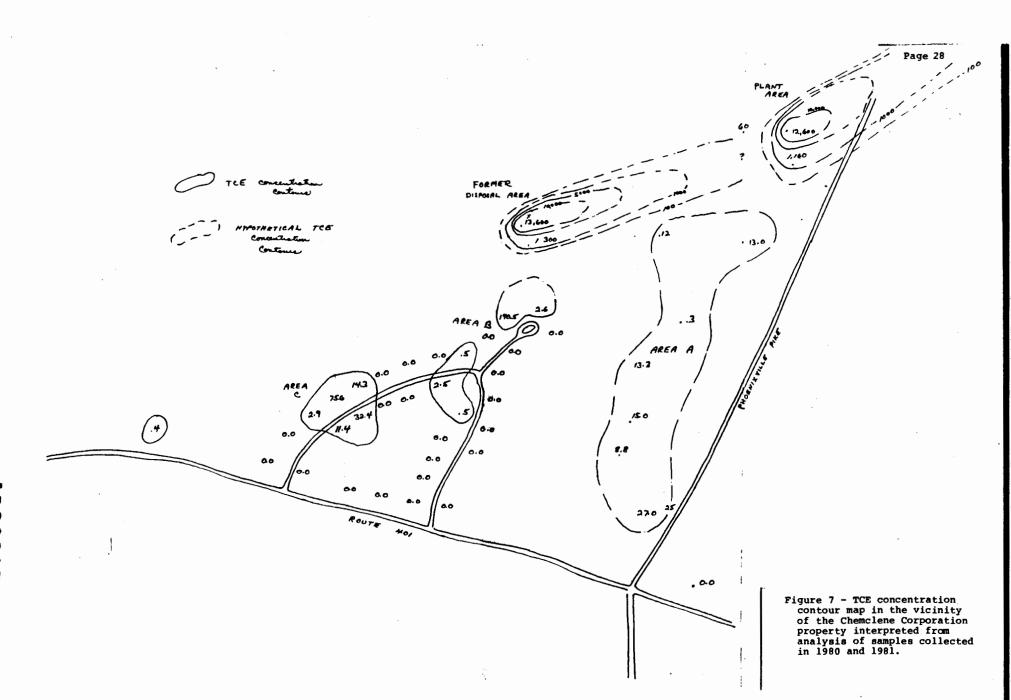
The groundwater flow system in the vicinity of the Chemclene property is fairly typical of that developed on the edges of carbonate vallies in southeastern Pennsylvania. Work undertaken during the present investigation further defined and quantified the groundwater flow system both in terms of flow directions and contaminate concentrations. In trying to define the subsurface flow system in the area, it must be realized that the system changes with time. Seasonal periods of groundwater recharge, difficient recharge due to drought, artificial withdrawals from wells and quarries all combine to effect the flow system both in time and space. During 1981 the Chemclene property and surrounding area were subjected to drought conditions as was most of southeastern Pennsylvania. During this period water levels in wells

January 1981 averaged 3.7 feet lower than the average levels measured in wells during the investigation undertaken in 1977 and 1978. Depressed water levels due to drought combined with the increased discharge from the Great Valley Well and quarries in the Devault area have resulted in a locally suppressed water-table. The water-level contour map prepared from a compliation of water-level data collected during January 1981 (see Figure 6) indicates two major flow directions in the area of the Chemclene property. Ground water south of Hillbrook Circle flows toward the Great Valley Well. Groundwater flow in the vicinity of the former disposal area and the plant area is most probably northeastward toward Devault and Cedar Hollow. The flow direction toward Devault parallels major faults mapped in the area.

Due to the high permeability in the carbonate rocks underlying the area, the water-table is relatively flat. Only a 5-foot difference in water-table elevation exists over most of the area. The lack of water-table relief makes constructing contour maps more difficult. Groundwater velocities in the area on the order of 10 to 100 feet per day are probable especially along open fault and fracture zones.

The present groundwater flow regime depicted in Figure 6 explains in part the pattern of contamination depicted in Figure 7. Since the pattern of groundwater flow may have changed in time due to drought; residual areas of contami-





nation can be expected to remain in the area adjacent Phoenixville Pike (area A) and in Hillbrook Circle (area B).

# Subsurface Distribution of Chlorinated Hydrocarbons

The results of the analysis of samples collected during 1980 and 1981 were used to prepare the concentration contour map indicated on Figure 7. TCE concentrations were used as an indicator parameter for the purposes of delineating contamination patterns. Figure 7 indicates that two principal areas having high TCE concentrations are present in the area. These areas are in the vicinity of the plant and at the former disposal area. Other areas having much lower concentrations are designated as areas A, B, and C and are indicated on Figure 7. While possibly related to the two main areas, these additional areas are thought to be distinct enities having their own origins and explanations.

#### Plant Area Contamination

While the total extent of contamination leaving the plant area was not defined due to limitations in obtaining places to drill monitor wells, it can be said on the basis of data collected to date that a plume of TCE and other chlorinated hydrocarbons should be found trending in a northwest direction. The plume's axis is probably along a major fault and concentrations probably diminish in a down gradient direction fairly rapidly. Since there are no nearby wells in that direction (everyone is using

public water) there are no sampling points from which samples can be collected to determine exact concentrations. The Martin-Marietta Corporation was contacted to obtain permission to sample their sump but to date they have not responsed in a positive manner.

#### Former Disposal Area Contamination

High concentrations of chlorinated hydrocarbons including TCE were found in Monitor Wells CC-4 and CC-5 at the site of the former disposal area. Based on the evidence at hand, it is possible that subsurface discharge from the former disposal area also moves northeast from the site.

Movement is probably along the same fault which underlies the plant site. Contamination emanating from the former disposal area may overlap and become indistinguishable from that possibly contributed in the area of the plant.

#### Area A Contamination

TCE levels within area A are possibly the result of the residual distribution of a contamination plume left over from when the groundwater flow system may have had a much different pattern than it does today. Before the groundwater trough created by pumping in the Devault area "captured" groundwater flow under the Chemclene property, flow may have been toward Valley Creek. Possible contamination from the plant site may have resulted in the formation of a plume along flow lines in that direction. As a result of starting a new quarry in Devault, the flow pattern may have changed.

Recharge which would greatly reduce concentrations in time would tend to cause the pattern indicated on Figure 7 to develop. If present conditions continue, it is expected that TCE levels within area A will continue to slowly diminish. Some of the contamination in area A could also be the result of septic system cleaners. It is impossible to reconstruct past flow systems and concentrations. No data was collected because no one ever anticipated or expected a problem to develop.

#### Area B Contamination

A possible explanation for the presence of TCE in 5 wells within area B is similar to that offered for area A except that the original source of TCE may have been the former disposal area. It is also very possible that the source could have been one or more attempts to unclog septic fields with off-the-shelf chlorinated hydrocarbon based drain cleaners. As long as flow patterns remain as indicated on Figure 6, TCE levels may likewise diminish within area B. Samples should be taken from time to time from wells in both areas A and B, not only to check carbon filter performance but also to determine future long-term trends.

#### Area C Contamination

The source of TCE in wells within area C is unknown.

Because no plausible flow or geochemical pattern would indicate that the former disposal area could be a present

or past source of contamination within area C, it is assumed that an alternative source is responsible. Two possible sources are suggested. Clogged septic systems have been a continuous problem in the Hillbrook Circle area. It is very possible that one or more residents within area C have used a drain and tile field cleaner having a chlorinated hydrocarbon base. Such septic system cleaners were commercially available and widely used in the past. Possible use of septic system cleaners have been used to explain many anomalous levels of TCE (in the 0 to 150 ppb range) in other areas not related to this study.

A second possible explanation for the presence of TCE within area C is that an episode of clandestine dumping may have taken place behind Hillbrook Circle. Undetected access from Route 401 is available along the abandoned railroad right-of-way and the gas pipe line. Trucks known to have carried chlorinated hydrocarbon wastes frequented 401 on their way to a disposal area on Worthington Road not far from Hillbrook Circle. When conditions were not favorable for dumping at Worthington Road, a truck could have easily slipped undetected into the woods behind Hillbrook Circle.

Levels in area C should also be monitored and if they do not diminish then a separate investigation should be undertaken by DER in this area to determine materials present and their relative ratios; this may further define a possible source.

# Sources of Contamination

The explanations offered for the presence of TCE in areas A, B and C are hypothetical at best. There presently exists no direct evidence to indicate the actual present or past source(s) of the contamination. Because the flow system in the area appears to have changed slowly but significantly over the past 20 years, it will be impossible to ever know how areas A, B and C really became contaminated.

#### PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTIONS

# Site Clean Up

Delineation of a groundwater quality problem becomes most meaningful when corrective actions are taken, if warranted. Corrective actions can include preventing any additional contamination from occurring in the future and undertaking reasonable clean-up efforts to help restore the contaminated aquifer to its original quality. Even before the initial phases of the present groundwater investigation were completed, the Chemclene Corporation moved systematically to remove any potential future source of groundwater contamination. These steps included the following:

- Placement of a concrete pad under the bulk loading and unloading area at the plant.
- Disposal of condensate water from the distillation process at an approved facility off-site.
- 3. Termination of outside drum storage.
- 4. Implementation of an employee safety training program with particular emphasis on spill prevention and control.
- 5. Elimination of the backlog of stored drums awaiting disposal.
- 6. Initiation of the removal and proper disposal of drums from the former disposal area.

Removal of the contents of the former disposal area and associated contaminated soils could eventually solve the groundwater contamination problem in that area. No removal or retrival wells at the site are recommended at present because the plume of contamination threatens no wells or uncontaminated portions of the aquifer. Once source materials are removed, natural recharge will reduce concentrations in the aquifer. Continued groundwater movement and discharge will eventually remove any remaining residuals.

## Removal Well - Plant Area

Due to the potential size of the contamination plume and the possible age of the problem, extensive aquifer reclamation down gradient from the plant is not practical or presently necessary. However a retrival well near the plant could significantly reduce chlorinated hydrocarbon concentrations in the aquifer at that point and could significantly reduce the time needed for down gradient aquifer recovery.

Details concerning the implementation of a retrival well system will have to be approached on an experimental basis with DER's cooperation and approval. Elements of the retrival well system could include:

- 1. Deepening, reconstructing or moving Well CC-3 to develop a yield of between 35-45 gpm (this yield should provide an effective cone of influence in the area).
- Developing insitu air injections or air lift techniques to reduce chlorinated hydrocarbon concentrations prior to additional treatment and disposal.
- 3. Pumping effluent to a properly designed and managed spray area to provide additional removal and ultimate disposal.

## PRELIMINARY CONCLUSIONS

Based on hydrogeological investigations conducted by Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates in the vicinity of the Chemclene Corporation property, the following preliminary conclusions are made:

- 1. Hydrogeologic conditions in the vicinity of the Chemclene property are complex.
- Groundwater movement from the former disposal area and the plant area is presently northeastward.
- In the past groundwater movement in the Chemclene area may have been toward the south and southwest.
- 4. The groundwater contamination problem in the vicinity of the Chemclene property is possibly an old one, more or less, in equilibrium with the present flow system.
- 5. Large scale withdrawals to quickly remove contaminated water or alter existing flow patterns is not practical, economically feasible or necessary at this time.
- 6. All wells with TCE concentrations greater than 4.5 ppb have been equipped with carbon filters as a precautionary measure.
- 7. No uncontaminated wells or uncontaminated portions of the aquifer appear to be threatened by the existing situation.
- 8. Removal of materials from the former disposal area and prevention of any leaks or spills at the plant site should prevent continued contamination of the aquifer from occurring.
- Removal and treatment of 35-45 gpm in the vicinity of the plant should affectively control the localized problem in that area.
- 10. Dilution and the natural and artificial discharge of contaminated water from the aquifer underlying the Chemclene property will eventually reduce concentrations to acceptable levels.

### PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the conclusions reached as a result of our preliminary investigation, Moorshead-Siddiqui and

Associates offers the following recommendations:

- Continue the clean-up activities at the former disposal area. This would include the excavation and removal of all buried materials including certain contaminated soils at the base of the excavation. Clean up could take place over an extended time frame due to the age of the problem and present site conditions.
- Surface drainage should be redefined in the vicinity of the excavation to minimize the inflow of surface water.
- 3. As excavation at the former disposal area proceeds, an investigation of techniques to best minimize groundwater inflow and outflow should be undertaken.
- 4. Efforts to prevent the recontamination of soils in the vicinity of the plant area should continue.
- 5. Well CC-3 should be deepened, reconstructed or moved so as to provide a yield of 35-45 gpm for removal purposes.
- 6. This well should be operated on a more or less continuous basis to provide containment and to remove chlorinated hydrocarbons from the aquifer.
- 7. Disposal of water from the containment and removal well could be through a spray irrigation system situated on the pipe line right-of-way or in the woods west of the plant. A variety of insitu aeration techniques should be investigated to significantly reduce TCE levels in the well prior to spraying.
- 8. Monitoring should continue in selected wells on a systematic basis until levels of chlorinated hydrocarbons are reduced to acceptable levels.

To the extent any of these activities will require the issuance of permits or approvals from governmental agencies, such conditions will have to be met and time frames adjusted accordingly. Possible further analysis of field data could yield additional conclusions. A more detailed review of clean-up options will have to be developed with corresponding cost analysis and implementation schedules.

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Investigation of alleged interference by the Great Valley Well on nearby private wells with particular emphasis on Hillbrook Circle.

prepared by their consultant. The report also contains much data concerning wells and water levels in the area.

Appendix A
Well Inventory - Area Wells

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## Appendix B

Well Construction Summaries - Chemclene Monitoring Wells

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# Appendix D Monitoring Well Drawdown and Yield Data

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#### APPENDIX B

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GROUNDWATER QUALITY INVESTIGATION
FOR CHEMCLENE CORPORATION
MALVERN, PENNSYLVANIA

Work Plan for Clean-Up and Future Monitoring (September 1982)

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Work Plan for Clean-up and Future Monitoring

September 1982

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Prepared by

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#### INTRODUCTION

Chemclene Corporation has continued to make progress in the clean-up of contaminated soils and ground water at two locations on their plant property. These locations have been previously identified as the plant area and former disposal area (see Figure 1).

As a result of agreements reached May 25, 1982, between Chemclene Corporation and Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Resources (DER), specific cleanup efforts at the two locations were outlined. These efforts included: disposal area evacuation, on-going groundwater sampling and groundwater recovery and treatment. In order to clarify and document clean-up efforts DER has requested that a submission addressing the following activities be forwarded to the Department. The submission should specifically include the following:

#### 1. Disposal Area Evacuation:

The submission must present a detailed program and schedule for disposal of wastes contained in the open pit, covered pit and berm area of the site. The program must address drum sampling protocol and waste handling, transportation and disposal methods. Sampling and subsequent removal of contaminated soils associated with the three disposal areas, as well as a 10 foot by 10 foot area of contaminated soil at the former drum storage area by the plant, must be addressed. In addition, the submission must address how surface water run-on and run-off will be controlled at the disposal areas.

FIGURE 1

Well Project

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Project: Chemclene

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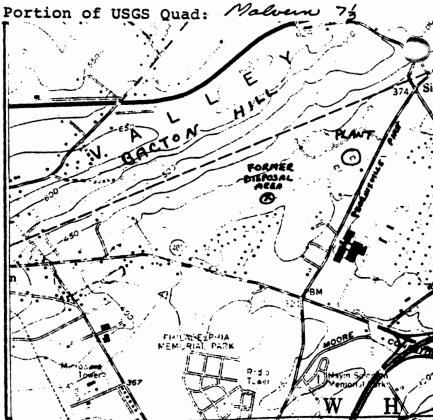
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Elevation at surface: 300'-400'

Flood elevation:

Flood potential: none

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In any case, the Department anticipates the removal of all wastes from all three disposal areas by the end of 1983.

On-going Groundwater Sampling:

The submission must provide for continuing quarterly groundwater sampling until completion of all clean-up activities. Approximately 4 to 6 on-site wells should be incorporated into a quarterly monitoring system. In addition, a well sampling program should be established involving adjacent private wells to insure that previous uncontaminated supplies have not become contaminated. It is the Department's understanding that complete VOA scans will be done on wells "CC3" and "CC5", and that future quarterly analyses will be confined to parameters found in the scans. It is also our understanding that an initial composite of all 4 to 6 monitoring wells will be analyzed for PCB's.

Groundwater Recovery and Treatment:

The submission must provide additional information and justification for the proposed groundwater treatment system. Such information is to include:

- a. Number and location of recovery wells.
- b. Pumping rates at each well.
- c. Treatment and final disposition of water pumped. If various techniques are to be evaluated, the trial procedures and periods should be specified and should lead to the selection of a preferred technique.
- d. Needs for DER Water Quality or DRBC permits must be addressed.

To address the above issues in detail Moorshead-Siddiqui and Associates with the cooperation of the Chemclene Corporation has prepared the following work plan:

CLEAN-UP AT THE FORMER DISPOSAL AREA AND PLANT

## Open Pit

It is anticipated that the open pit will be evacuated by December 31, 1982. This assumes a fair amount of good AR000231

weather and successful solidification on-site. This time frame applies to the berm area to the west of the former disposal area. Based on the data gathered by Betz, Converse, Murdoch, Inc., we can conclude that there are no polychlorinated biphenol (PCB) contaminated materials in the open pit; and therefore, we will be handling all that material by the same solidification process (described under - Plan for Solidification). Once solidified, the material will be transported by a licensed transporter to an approved landfill outside the State of Pennsylvania.

After enough soil has been exposed in the pit, samples will be taken of the soil to determine the extent of contamination and therefore the disposal options. If the soil contains low enough levels it will be disposed of, with Department of Environmental Resources (DER) approval, at the Boyertown landfill. If the contamination level is too high for that landfill, the soil will be used, along with lime kiln dust, to solidify additional material taken from the pit.

After all drums and loose refuse have been removed from the pit, and the most highly contaminated soil has been removed via one of the aforementioned methods, a decision point may have to be reached where pumping well #CC-5 may be more practical and effective than removing more soil. This will be discussed further with DER when that time approaches and will be dependant on contamination levels found in the soil.

#### Berm Area

It is anticipated that this area will be cleaned up aR000232

in conjunction with the open pit. From preliminary investigations, it appears that the material in these drums is now in a solid state and will therefore be added to the mixing box with material from the open pit.

Once the drums are removed, the underlying soil will be sampled and handled as previously discussed.

#### Closed Pit

This area represents considerable difficulty in that we know that there is PCB material present, at least in some portions of the pit. We plan to isolate those areas by evacuating according to a grid system. Samples of soil and drum contents from each section of the grid will be analyzed for PCBs. If the analysis is positive for PCBs, material from that section of the grid will be dealt with as a special and separate entity. Solidification will be used prior to shipment. PCB material will be disposed of at either Cecos in New York, Chemical Waste Management in Alabama or Rollins in Deer Park, Texas, depending on the concentrations of PCBs in the particular separate lot. Other permitted sites will also be be considered. Non-PCB material will be handled and disposed of as previously discussed. Of necessity, this portion of the clean-up plan will depend on what is found when the pit is opened.

The plan may need to be modified to include untilizing an outside contractor once the sampling begins. Any changes in the plan will be reviewed with DER.

Contaminated soil around and under the closed pit will be dealt with as previously discussed.

Water run-on and run-off is a problem only with the closed pit. The open pit is protected from run-on by an up-gradient hill of dirt; we have never experienced any surface water run-off from the pit. An earthen dike has been constructed on the down-gradient side of the closed pit. The heaviest rains experienced to date have not over-run this barrier. It is planned to construct a similar barrier on the up-gradient side of the pit. Construction of the barrier should be completed by September 1, 1982.

#### Former Drum Storage Area at the Plant

One of these two areas has already been removed, and data concerning the soil has been sent to the Boyerstown Landfill with instructions to contact DER for disposal approval. The remaining area (adjacent to the concrete slab that was a drum storage area on the northwest side of the plant) will be added to the soil already removed from the first area and will be disposed of as soon as the landfill receives DER approval.

#### Solidification Plan

Solidification will be by a method similar to that used by Delaware Container Co., Inc. of Coatesville, Pennsylvania. A drum will be removed from the pit using a sling attached to the arm of a backhoe. The drum will be placed on a work platform next to a mixing box. The drum will be deheaded using an air powered chisel and the contents dumped into the mixing box which will be constructed of welded steel. Lime kiln dust will be added to the waste material

in the box and mixed until there are no free liquids and the mixture is of the proper consistency for hardening. When the box is full, the contents will be transferred to a dump trailer for transport to the disposal site.

#### ON-GOING GROUNDWATER SAMPLING

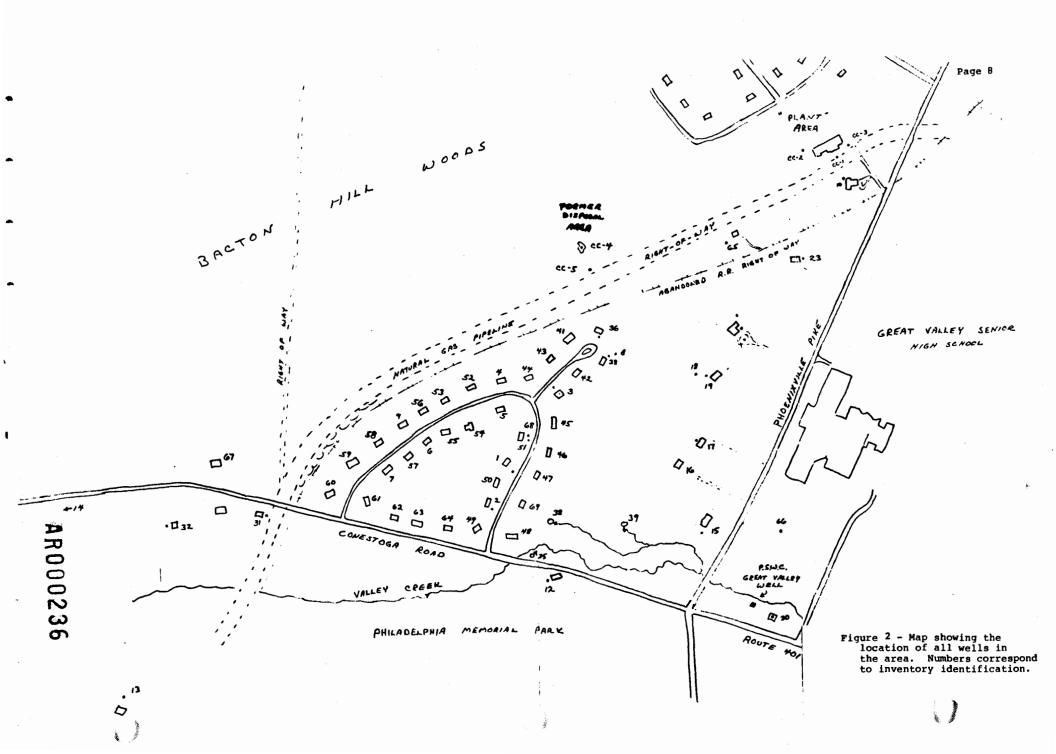
### Chemclene Monitoring Wells

Wells CC-2, CC-3, CC-5 and Well #10 are designated as on-site monitoring wells and will be sampled quarterly as part of an overall sampling effort (see Figure 2 for locations). Samples will be collected using appropriate methods and will be analyzedfor TCE at an approved laboratory. Results will be submitted to DER as soon as they are obtained.

VOA scans completed previously indicate that TCE is the primary volatile organic compound found in the ground water under the site and should serve as an excellent tracer. For this reason additional VOC scans determining the concentrations of other constituents which might be present in even lesser amounts than TCE is not anticipated.

Samples from Well #10 and CC-5 have been checked for PCBs with negative results. Further testing of other wells does not appear to be justified in view of these results. Private Wells

In order to determine the long-term trends in TCE concentration in adjacent private wells, 6 off-site domestic wells have been selected for sampling. These include:



Area A - Wells #15, 23 and 65

Area B - Wells #5 and 41

Area C - Well #9

The selection of these wells is based on their location in specific areas identified previously (see March 1982 report). These wells should provide a basis for determining concentration trends in each specific area as clean-up proceeds. Samples will be collected quarterly along with the on-site samples. Sample protocol and reporting will be the same.

As data becomes available and trends are established, the sampling routine may be modified accordingly. The sampling routine will be modified, however, only with DER approval.

#### GROUNDWATER RECOVERY AND TREATMENT

#### Present Recovery

A groundwater recovery plan has already been submitted to Ms. Marylyn Shup of DER on July 1, 1982.

Implementation of the plan will commence as soon as necessary approvals are obtained. Well #CC-3 was chosen for recovery purposes both because it showed the highest levels of contamination and because of its proximity to the plant where the process can be more closely managed. Chemclene Corporation anticipates that the method outlined in their July 1, 1982, letter will be successful and have therefore not included other possible techniques. Should the method not completely remove contaminants as described, modifications such as introducing air into the line will be utilized.

### Future Recovery

There are only two other wells (CC-1 and CC-2) at present which might lend themselves to groundwater recovery. It is not anticipated that these wells will be used at this time. If the pumping of #CC-3 does not produce the desired effect then using either of these wells or constructing a new well may be considered.

#### Permits

The necessary permit for on-stie treatment has been requested from DER. The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) does not require a permit if pumping is less than 10,000 gallons per day.

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### **REGION III**

841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

SUBJECT: Chemclene Corporation - Malvern, PA

DATE: 3/3/87

FROM:

Greg Koltonuk

PA RCRA Enforcement Section (3HW11)

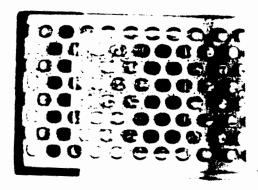
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At 4:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 1987, I received a telephone call from Lloyd Balderston, present owner of Chemclene Corporation. His call was in response to my call to Earth Data, Inc. concerning the spray irrigation system at Chemclene. This system was last used in 1984 by the company to recover and treat contaminated groundwater at the site. The system consisted of a sprinkler head attached to a hose from the groundwater recovery well. He also described to me the method of sample collection prior to and after treatment.

Chemclene has since installed an air-stripper but the system has not been used to date. This air stripper consists of an 18' tall, 12" diameter pipe filled with nylon rings.

I mentioned to Mr. Balderston the deletion of Chemclene's TO4 Code for treatment. He admits that some designation should be on the present Part A that covers his solvent recovery system but, to date, this system, (i.e., treatment) is not designated on the Part A. DGR does not consider C.C. to perform any "treatment" operations. According to Balderston the Chemclene operations are listed as storage of drum materials.

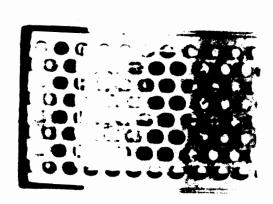


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Mr Kotlinski,

Attached, is a copy of soil analysis conducted from the sample collected during the recent removal of an UST (gasoline) at the above referenced site. This may be of interest to you since you are currently taking enforcement actions at this site. It you have need for any additional into, please Feel free to contact me at 215 270 1975

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# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES BUREAU OF LABORATORIES

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